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SUBJECT: FOURTH REPORT - ICAO/ DEN/ ICE CONFERENCE, PARIS,  
MARCH 27 - APRIL 7, 1973.

MONTREAL FOR US/ REP ICAO

1. U. K. STATED IN FINANCIAL COMMITTEE IT WILLING PERFORM  
FUNCTION OF BILLING AND COLLECTING ICELANDIC AND DANISH CHARGES  
THROUGH BCAA AS A STEP TOWARD UNIFIED NORTH ATLANTIC CHARGING  
SYSTEM. DENMARK, ICELAND AND COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL,  
WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE U. K. AND TWO OTHER COUNTRIES. COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED, AS  
ADVOCATED BY CANADA, BELGIUM AND U. S., THAT AMOUNTS COLLECTED  
BY U. K. SHOULD BE USED BY ICELAND AND DENMARK TO OFFSET PAYMENTS  
DUE THEM BY GOVERNMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE ARTICLE XIV 3 OF JOINT  
FINANCING AGREEMENTS. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED ON  
COST ALLOCATION FOR CIVIL AVIATION USE OF THE FACILITIES AND  
SERVICES AS FOLLOWS: ATC SERVICES,  
100 PERCENT; MET SERVICES, TENTATIVELY 30 PERCENT OF DANISH  
AND 50 PERCENT OF ICELANDIC; MET/ COM SERVICES, 30 PERCENT;  
NAVAIDS, 90 PERCENT; COM ( AVIATION) AND CABLE, 100 PERCENT.

2. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FINALIZED, AND PLENARY APPROVED WITHOUT  
CHANGE, REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 4. THIS REPORT CONTAINS FOLLOWING  
RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) STUDY SHOULD BE MADE OF DELINEATION OF  
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REYKJAVIK FIR IN RELATION TO ADJOINING FIR'S IN ORDER DETERMINE MOST EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION OF AIRSPACE AT LEAST COST TO USERS; (2) LORAN A FACILITIES SHOULD BE CONTINUED PENDING REVIEW BY STATES AND OPERATORS OF FUTURE CIVIL AVIATION REQUIREMENTS THEREFORE IN NAT REGION AND RECONSIDERATION AT NEXT APPROPRIATE NAT/RAN MEETING; (3) THE DELATANGI METEOROLOGICAL STATION SHOULD BE DELETED FROM THE ICELANDIC AGREEMENT. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT NO CHANGE BE MADE IN THE LIMIT " NORTH OF 40 DEGREES NORTH" WHEN COUNTING CROSSINGS BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT ON ROUTES BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE IN COMPUTING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER ARTICLE VII OF THE AGREEMENTS.

3. GENERAL COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS REPORTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 1( A) AND ( B) WITH MINOR CHANGES. THE REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 2 NOW REFERRED TO A DRAFTING GROUP ( COMPOSED OF DELEGATES FROM BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS AND U. K. AND IATA OBSERVER.) COMMITTEE THEN COMPLETED ITS WORK BY AGREEING ON FINAL REPORT ON ITEM 2 AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE CONFERENCE GAVE CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBLE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTRODUCING A SYSTEM OF USER CHARGES FOR THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS.

2. THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED THAT CHARGES COULD LEGALLY BE IMPOSED IF: ( A) THE COUNCIL REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS OF DENMARK AND ICELAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV OF THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF CHARGES; ( B) DENMARK AND ICELAND POSSESSED THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION; AND ( C) THE CHARGES IMPOSED BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE PRINCIPLES OF THE COUNCIL SET FORTH IN DOC 8718 C/975, OR ANY SIMILAR DOCUMENT THAT MIGHT BE PUBLISHED BY THE COUNCIL AS A RESULT OF THE 1973 CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMICS OF ROUTE AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND AIRPORTS.

3. THE CONFERENCE NOTED THAT DENMARK AND ICELAND STATED THEY HAD THE NECESSARY LEGAL POWERS TO ESTABLISH THE SYSTEM OF CHARGES ENVISAGED.

4. U. K. PROPOSED IN PLENARY THAT PERCENTAGE OF INITIAL RECOVERY BY USER CHARGES BE INCREASED FROM 30 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT. THIS PROPOSAL WAS SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS, FRG, CANADA AND FRANCE BUT DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION IN FINANCE COMMITTEE. BELGIUM UNCLASSIFIED

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